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In response to the Final Office Action mailed on November 9, 2005, with the three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 9, 2006, please reconsider the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and/or remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.